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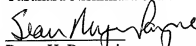
Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 4, 2009 finally rejecting claims 3-5, 7, and 8.

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If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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